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Snow Stopping Marlin Swimmers

As the snow came down over the weekend 4/5th February some of the Marlin Swimmers were on their way to Ponds Forge to compete in the Derventio eXcel Festival 2012(Long Course).

Despite the hazardous journey the dedicated swimmers got stuck into the job in hand and produced awesome swimming to gain personal best times and club records. Sisters Amy and Lauren Neild shone in their events.

Amy Neild had a weekend to remember gaining 4 personal best times and setting a new 14 years long course Club Record for her 50m Backstroke in 35.31. In her 100m Backstroke time of 1.18.25 she also took the Club Record equalling that previously held by Belper and Derventio swimmer Fran Marshall - an outstanding achievement for the hard working swimmer. Amy also swam 200m Backstroke in 2.50.79 and the 50m Free in 32.19.

Younger sister Lauren also had a good day swimming against some top level swimmers and gaining a PB for her 50m Freestyle in 37.47

Derventio/Marlin swimmer, Ben Goodall, has also been in true championship form again - as well as PB's Ben set a new 16 years 200m long and short course Breaststroke Club Record in 2.41.15 and a 16 years long course Club Record in his 100m Breaststroke in 1.17.63 plus a Club Record for his 16 years long course 50M Butterfly in 29.37.

Ben also competed in the ASA Central Zone Competition Corby (Long Course) 28th Jan 2012 and gained a British Championships Qualifying time & County Junior Record for his 400 IM in an amazing time of 4.43.09.

And an outstanding achievement for Ben who has qualified for 3 events at the British Gas Swimming Championships (Olympic Trials) which are being held at the Olympic Pool in London throughout March. Ben will swim 400m IM, 200m Butterfly and 1500m Freestyle. Everyone at Belper wishes him well and will be watching for his results - go Ben!

Marlin held their Boot Camp Weekend 11th/12 Feb which was a great success and Head Coach Mike Brett was thrilled with the turnout adding "a big thanks to all those who helped out and to the coaches who gave their time, a great weekend".